

Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery, Knights Templar, was duly opened by Eminent Harold Hodgson at 6.10 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 1963, in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston, with all officers present except the Generalissimo, his station being filled by Em. Sir Frank B. Ells.

After customary devotions offered by the Excellent Prelate, the records of our Conclave held December 19, 1962 were read and approved.

Rt. Em. Sir Wilson, Recorder, reported on our recent York Rite Night held January 9, 1963. The Secretaries of 8 Chapters, one Council, and 42 Lodges accepted our recent proposal that return cards of invitation be mailed out with December notices. A total of 281 reply cards were received, signifying an intention to be present. A total of 228 were at the meeting, of which 65 were prospective York Rite candidates, 13 of this number already having received the Chapter degrees. Incidentally, De Molay Commandery was represented by no less than 21 Sir Knights present, St. Omer with 11, and other Commanderies a total of 17. The record showed a total of 108 acceptances received, but not present. The Recorder reported that personal letters, enclosing applications, had been mailed out by him over the weekend to each of 173 possible prospects for York Rite advancement. He urged that the Eminent Commander interest a special Committee, and especially the officers, in making personal contact with all of the most likely prospects. He stated that Em. Sir Bayley had compiled a complete and detailed list of both the 65 prospects present, and also the 108 who returned cards but were not actually present, the names being arranged both alphabetically and by Lodges, giving in each instance the name, address, Lodge name, Chapter, if any, date of raising, and date of birth.

There being no further business, the Commandery was closed at 6.25 p.m. after suitable devotions, and the Sir Knights repaired to the banquet hall for dinner and entertainment.

Attendance: 110

Arthur Gardiner Wilson
Recorder

Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery, Knights Templar, was duly opened by Eminent Commander Harold Hodgson at 5.05 p.m. in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston St., Boston on Wednesday, February 20, 1963, with all officers present except our Sword Bearer. It was impossible to open in full form as planned, there being only two uniformed guards present in the First Division and only three present in the Third Division.

After appropriate devotions the records of our January 16, 1963 Stated Conclave were read and approved.

Favorable ballot was had on the following applications for the Orders:

Howard Heath Anderson of Boston
Sam M. Apkarian of Watertown
Merle E. Gardner of Brookline
Richard W. Boyden of Woburn

Knightly courtesy extended by Holy Sepulchre Commandery of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, was acknowledged for their conducting of funeral services in behalf of Boston Commandery's late Sir Knight Douglas W. Foster at Pawtucket, Rhode Island, on February 13, 1963.

Receipt of bequest of \$2000 from the late widow of our former outstanding Past Commander George U. Bauer was reported. Em. Sir Bauer, who also served as High Priest of St. Paul's Chapter in 1926, and Illustrious Master of Boston Council in 1923, was Eminent Commander of Boston Commandery 1916-1918.

Discussion was had concerning the necessity of an early report with reference to candidate prospects assigned to various of our officers and Sir Knights following York Rite Night held in January.

At 5.25 p.m., there being no further business, the Commandery proceeded with the work of the Order of the Temple, through the fourth libation, after which the Sir Knights adjourned to the banquet hall for dinner. Following dinner the work was resumed and the following two Sir Knights were knighted:

Frederic C. R. Steward John R. Kapolis

After appropriate devotions the Commandery was closed.

Robert Gardner
Recorder

Attendance: 92

Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery, Knights Templar, was duly opened by the Eminent Commander at 6.05 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 1963, in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston with all officers present except our Sword Bearer, and also the Captain of the Guard whose position was filled by our Captain of the Guard Emeritus Rowland D. Crook. No members of either the first or second divisions were present at 6 p.m. and therefore the opening was again in short form.

After appropriate devotions the record of our February 20, 1963 conclave was read and approved with the exception of an addition to same requested by Em. Sir Bayley, who was not personally present at our February Conclave, but who desired notation of time of closing "to round out the record", as he put it. Therefore be it made a matter of record that our February 20, 1963 Stated Conclave closed at 10.10 p.m.

Favorable ballot was then had on the application of Companion Theodore J. Mavrikos to receive the orders.

An escort composed of Em. Sir Andrews, and Sir Knights Borek, Tweedie, Browne, Zolner, and Harold Horn, being formed under the direction of Sir Knight Rowland Crook, the Eminent Commander called to the East six of our Sir Knights for presentation of Grand Commandery medals for long and distinguished service. Presentation of 40 year medals was then made by our Recorder, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, to the following:

Sir Kt. Frederic T. Goodman, knighted Feb. 19, 1913
Em. Sir Frederic B. Duncan, knighted August 8, 1918.
Sir Kt. Matthew Milan, knighted March 15, 1920.
Em. Sir Harold A. Budreau, knighted April 26, 1922.
Sir Kt. William E. Gould, knighted on Dec. 20, 1922.
Sir Kt. Albert M. Aznive, knighted Jan. 17, 1923.

It was noted that Sir Knight Goodman had been a member of Boston Commandery for over 50 years; also that the oldest Sir Knight present, in point of service, was Sir Knight Charles Wyman who was knighted on December 16, 1903.

Em. Sir Bayley suggested the advisability of a Committee being appointed for the purpose of arranging a party for the members of our most competent and impressive Red Cross Team.

The Recorder pointed out the urgency of further applications not later than our April Conclave, bearing in mind that only 18 applications have been received since September, in which same period no less than 13 deaths have been reported.

At 6.35 p.m. the Eminent Commander opened a Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, and the Sir Knights repaired to the banquet hall for dinner and entertainment, following which many of the Sir Knights,--despite a con-

siderable gathering of uninvited and ineligible guests,-- watched the first Boston showing of the now notorious "Biography of a Bookie Joint." on T. V. in Boston Commandery Armory.

Starting at 8.30 p.m. the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross was conferred in full form and costume on the following Companions.

Dudley B. Dumaine	Richard M. King
Stanley C. Swanson	Merle E. Gardner
Charles M. Davis	Richard W. Boyden

and also as a knightly courtesy, for Ivanhoe Commandery #46 Robert W. Weeks Commander, on Companion Harold Allen Greene.

With Em. Sir James C. Bayley as Zerubbabel, and Em. Sir Kt. Robert S. Andrews as Sovereign Master, our Red Cross team exemplified the work in their customary splendid manner.

At the conclusion of the work the Council was closed, and a Priory being thereupon opened the Order of Malta was duly conferred on the above candidates under the direction of Em. Sir James W. Rogers.

Closing was at 10.25 p.m. in short form.

Merle Gardner
Recorder

Attendance: 117

Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery Knights Templar was duly opened by the Eminent Commander Harold Hodgson promptly at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 1963, in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston will all present and in their stations except the Recorder, who arrived, however, in time to perform his duty of reading the records of our conclave of March 20, 1963, subject to the critical comment of some of our more eager Sir Knights.

After appropriate devotions, our records of the March 20, 1963 Conclave were read, and after some minor corrections were approved.

Favorable ballot was then had on the applications of:

Robert G. Graham Jr.
Sebastian Avellino
Alfred H. Anderson

A very brief recess was called following which the Commandery was opened in full form this being the annual official inspection by Em. Sir G. Burton Long, Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island assisted by Em. Sir Albert E. C. Carpenter, Deputy Grand Warden, and Em. Sir William F. Raymond acting as Marking Officer.

At 6.30 p.m. the Commandery was recessed for an excellent chicken pie dinner served by Seiler to 262 Sir Knights.

Strict requirement for a re-opening at 7.45 p.m. being waived, the Commandery reconvened at 8 p.m. for official reception of our inspecting officer and suite. Preceding same however the eminent Commander called the Sir Knights to attention, all standing in silent tribute to the memory of our beloved Past Commander Herman C. McStay, whose duty it would have been, as Grand Senior Warden, to inspect Boston Commandery.

The official count showed 247 Sir Knights of Boston Commandery present to meet the official requirement of 244 members in attendance. In addition, not including members of the suite, there were 8 visiting Sir Knights present.

The official suite numbering 45, included among others the following: The Rt. Em. Grand Commander William F. West, Very Em. Louis A. Beaujolin, Grand Generalissimo Russel R. Long, Grand Captain General G. Burton Long, Grand Junior Warden George C. Patten Jr., Grand Treasurer and Past Grand Commander Clarence E. Booth, Grand Recorder and Past Grand Commander George A. Weeks, Past Grand Commanders Frank H. Wilson and Raymond D. Douglas, Grand Sword Bearer Norman L. Staveley, Grand Captain of the Guard Jack R. Baker, and Associate Grand Prelates William T. O'Neill and Leonard S. Redlawn.

Also at this time the Eminent Commander directed the Captain of the Guard to escort to the East Sir Knights Clyde A. Tyler and Fred Chapman. The latter, acting in behalf of the Second Division, presented to Sir Knight Tyler a pleasing memento of the occasion which marked his retirement as Sword Bearer. Sir Knights Tyler made an appropriate and feeling response assuring Boston Commandery of his intention to visit the Commandery as often as possible despite his new residence in Maine.

The Eminent Commander at this time also appointed Em. Sir James C. Bayley and Sir Knights Robert B. Wilton and Rowland D. Crook as a Special Committee to arrange details for a party for the members of our Red Cross Team, escort and guards.

*Watkins
Knights*

The official inspection this year included Full Form opening at 6 p.m., Reception of the Inspecting Officer, Inspection and Review, Fifth Lieation, Knightling, Baldric and Sword and the Attributes and the Flags.

At the conclusion of the work the marking officer announced a well-deserved 10 minus. Our Eminent Commander, jumping positions this year from Senior Warden to Eminent Commander, merited all compliments received. Appropriate remarks were made by our Division Commander Em. Sir G. Burton Long, Grand Captain General, and by the Right Eminent Grand Commander Sir Knight William F. West. A memento of the occasion was presented to Em. Sir Long, to Deputy Grand Warden Albert E. C. Carpenter and to Em. Sir William F. Raymond.

After customary devotions the Sir Knights repaired to the banquet hall for welcome refreshments.

Attendance: 247
Also 8 visitors and
Suite of 45

Robert Franklin Wilson
Recorder

Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery, Knights Templar, was duly opened by the Eminent Commander Harold Hodgson promptly at 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 1963, in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston St., Boston, Mass. with all officers in their respective stations with the exception of our Junior Warden, Sir Knight Frank E. Brown, who arrived late, and our Recorder, Rt. Em. Sir Robert G. Wilson Jr. who was excused by our Commandery because of important Masonic duties as a Trustee of the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children on inspection visit in Houston, Texas.

After appropriate devotions, the records of the April 17, 1963 Conclave were read and approved as read.

Favorable ballot was then had on the applications of the following:

John Stavros Stephans
James Nicoll Greig
Thomas James Hatzie

A confirmatory ballot was also had on Companions:

Sebastian Avellino
Alfred H. Anderson
Robert L. Graham Jr. of Quincy

all of whom were elected to receive the Orders in Boston Commandery.

On motion of your Recorder which was duly seconded, it was voted to suspend the following named Sir Knights, namely

G. M. Berny	B. E. Lauman
R. T. Bessom	J. A. Lutes
D. W. Davidson	A. M. McKittrick
J. Dodd	A. N. Olive, Jr.
W. E. Duncan	G. C. Sackley
Dr. W. A. Dowd Jr.	G. A. Samiotis
J. C. Geddes	D. B. Steele
George Jakimedis	J. A. Strum
A. J. Koshivos	C. O. Swanson

S. T. Disdale

as of June 18, 1963 unless they shall have made satisfactory adjustment of unpaid dues and Masonic standing in their respective Blue Lodges and Chapters.

The dues of Sir Knight A. G. L. Smith having been remitted by his Chapter for good Masonic reasons, Boston Commandery voted to do likewise.

Your Recorder read a letter of appreciation received from Mrs. Phyllis W. Horn for the beautiful flowers which her husband Sir Knight Harold Horn had received while he was in the hospital.

Your Recorder also announced to the Sir Knights that Sir Knight Elmer Stearns who is 87 years old and a Knight for over 60 years was critically ill in the Mt. Vernon Hospital and asked the Fraters to send him cards.

Your Commander announced that he had just received word that Sir Knight Edward Carlson, of Lexington died today and that he would be buried on May 17, 1963 at 2 p.m.

The business meeting was closed at 5.35 p.m. and the Commandery proceeded to confer the Order of the Temple on:

Merle Emanuel Gardner	Stanley Carl Swanson
Charles Miller Davis	Richard William Boyden
Richard Montgomery King	Robert Lorraine Graham Jr.

Dudley Bradlee Dumaine

It was announced that Companion Graham received the Orders of Red Cross and Malta through the courtesy of Reading Commandery.

None of the regular assigned Sir Knights who take the parts of the "Hermits" being present, the Eminent Commander called upon "Old Faithful" Sir Knight Rowland Crook who performed an excellent piece of work without any rehearsal.

Masters of Ceremonies present: Em. Sir Frankland S.L.Miles who filled in most of the evening as Generalissimo for Sir Knight Gordon Borek who had to leave early, Em. Sir George Locus who operated the Sepulchre pictures, Em. Sir James C. Bayley and Em. Sir William Odell gave excellent service.

A recess was called for dinner at 6.30 p.m. and the Sir Knights enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner by Seiler.

The Commandery reconvened at 7.45 p.m.

The Eminent Commander called the Sir Knights' attention while our Prelate, Sir Knight Charles E. Pedersen ^{to} asked the blessing of our Heavenly Father upon Air Force Major L. Gordon Cooper Jr., the Astronaut who was orbiting through space, Major Cooper being a member of Brevard Commandery #24, in

Cocoa Beach, Florida, having been knighted on January 26, 1963.

The ritualistic work was completed at 9.55 p.m. and there being no other business, the Commandery was closed in due form at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Recorder pro tem

Robert Gardner Wilson
Recorder

Attendance: 115

Special meeting of Boston Commandery was opened by Em. Sir Harold F. W. Hodgson at 7.55 p.m. for the purpose of holding a Templar funeral service for our departed frater Sir Kt. Elmer M. Stearns of Cambridge at Watson Funeral Home, 11 Magazine Street, Cambridge on Friday, May 24, 1963.

Sir Knight Stearns, born January 14, 1876, was a member of Social Friends Lodge #42, and Cheshire Chapter #4, both of New Hampshire. Knighted in Hugh de Payens Commandery of Keene, New Hampshire on March 24, 1899, he affiliated with Boston Commandery on March 12, 1952. He died on May 22, 1963.

Present and participating in the service were Em. Commander Harold F. W. Hodgson, Generalissimo Gordon S. Borek, our Prelate Sir Knight Charles E. Pederson, Senior Warden Kenneth A. Tweedie, Past Commander George Locus, and Sir Knights K. Arnold, R. D. Crook, M. H. Fischer, L. Hibbard, J. Meikle, J. Paynter, C. R. Smith, W. Stavropoulos, and A. Swide.

The Commandery was closed at 8.35 p.m.

Attendance 14

Robert Gardiner Hibbard
Recorder

Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery, Knights Templar, was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston, on Wednesday, June 19, 1963. Eminent Commander Harold Hodgson opened the conclave at 5.35 p.m. with all officers present except the Captain General whose position was filled by Em. Sir Ells, and the Junior Warden whose position was filled by Em. Sir G. Locus. Both officers arrived after opening and participated in the meeting.

After customary devotions the record of our May 15 Stated Conclave was read and approved, as was the record of the Special Conclave held on May 24, 1963 to conduct Templar funeral services for our late Sir Knight Elmer M. Stearns, a Knight Templar for over 60 years.

Report of the Nominating Committee, consisting of Rt. Em. R. G. Wilson Jr., Eminent Sirs John Reid and Robert S. Andrews, and Sir Knights R. B. Wilton and Leo S. Hibbard, was read and the Eminent Commander requested Rt. Em. Sir R. G. Wilson Jr. to assume the East and conduct our annual election.

A Committee, consisting of Eminent Sirs James C. Bayley, and George Locus, with Sir Knight Winfield Nourse, was appointed to distribute, collect, and count ballots. By written ballot, with 41 votes cast, Sir Kt. Gordon S. Borek was unanimously elected Eminent Commander. Escorted into the asylum by an honorary committee of Past Commanders present, Sir Kt. Gordon Borek gratefully accepted the honor accorded. By unanimous written ballot, with 40 votes cast Sir Knight Frank Brown was thereupon elected Generalissimo; Sir Knight Kenneth A. Tweedie, with 42 votes cast, was unanimously elected Captain General, Sir Knight John W. Zolner, with 41 votes cast, was unanimously elected Senior Warden; and Sir Knight Kenneth C. Arnold, with 44 votes cast, was unanimously elected Junior Warden. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported that in view of other commitments it was the personal desire of Sir Kt. Tweedie to advance but one position.

On motion duly made it was unanimously voted that the Eminent Commander cast the unanimously written ballot of Boston Commandery for the election of the remaining four officers as nominated. Rev. Sir Charles E. Pederson was thereupon declared elected as Prelate, Em. Sir Frank B. Ells was declared elected Treasurer, Rt. Em. Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr. was declared elected Recorder, and Em. Sir James C. Bayley Trustee of the Permanent Fund for three years.

Each officer so elected having accepted the honor accorded, Eminent Sir Hodgson thanked the officers briefly and Sir Knights warmly for the cooperation and support accorded him during his year of service at the head of Boston Commandery.

On motion of the Recorder it was voted to omit the Stated Conclave of July and August.

On motion of Em. Sir George Locus he was appointed as a committee of one to procure a Past Commander's jewel for our Eminent Commander.

Favorable report being made, the ballot box was prepared, and Companion William J. Whitley was elected to receive the Orders.

The Eminent Commander reported the current illness of Sir Kt. Rowland Crook now at the V. A. Hospital on South Huntington Avenue, Boston.

Eminent Sir James C. Bayley reported the result of a recent sporting event incident to annual outing of our sister Commandery De Molay. In a spine tingling game of soft ball, so called, it is alleged that the final score was posted as the Micks 21 runs and the Bayleys 22 runs. It has not been verified that the game was finally called when the score keeper ran out of paper and pencils.

There being no further business, after suitable devotions, the Commandery was duly closed at 6.15 p.m. and the Sir Knights adjourned to the banquet hall.

R. H. Gardner, Lib. M.P.
Recorder

Attendance: 107

The 162nd Annual Meeting of Boston Commandery, Knights Templar, was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts on Wednesday, September 18, 1963. Eminent Commander Harold Hodgson opened the Conclave at 5.35 p.m.

At the opening, Em. Sir Frankland W. L. Miles acted as Junior Warden, and Sir Knight Rowland Crook, our Captain of the Guard Emeritus, acted as Captain of the Guard for Sir Knight Robert Wilton who has been hospitalized.

After customary devotions offered by our Prelate, the records of the June 19, 1963 Conclave were read and approved.

Annual Report was then read by the Recorder showing a present membership of 1133 as of September 1.

The annual Report of our Treasurer disclosed total funds of \$214,060.12 book value, with a market value of \$383,828.73. Total income for the year was \$24,786.50 as against reported expenses of \$24,528.63 making a net of \$247.87. Among other items there was a total expense of \$7211.03 for food and refreshments against income of only \$756.50 for the same. Rental was \$5220.

Both reports were accepted and ordered spread on the records.

Sir Knight Rowland Crook expressed his deep appreciation for flowers, cards, and especially visits from many of our Sir Knights during his recent hospitalization.

On motion of Em. Sir Frank B. Ells it was voted to transfer \$200 to the Herman C. McStay Fund.

Em. Sir Bayley spoke in detail concerning proposed new Grand Commandery regulations which will change the annual marking procedure. A total of 70 percent will apply to work at the inspection, with 15 percent of the total mark to be applicable to membership attainment and 15 percent for activities. Thus no Commandery can possibly reach a 10 minus rating unless the membership quota fixed by Grand Commandery is successfully attained.

Our Eminent Commander then made the following remarks:

Rt. Em. Sirs, Em. Sirs, & Sir Knights:

Herewith is a brief report of our activities for the past year. As you have heard from the annual reports, we received 1/3 of our quota of applications for the orders. Nevertheless, we were able to stay in the black and carry on outside social activities.

Our installation of officers was carried out in September with Rt. Em. Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. installing Commander; Em. Sir Frank B. Ells installing Warden and Sir Knight & Rev. Charles Pederson installing Prelate. A catered Seilers dinner was served and the Cambridge Chapter of De Molay exemplified the Mothers Degree.

In October the orders of Red Cross and Malta were performed, November we worked the Order of the Temple.

In December we had our Christmas party with Em. Sir James C. Bayley doing his excellent job as Santa. Through the generous gifts of our Sir Knights, we were able to send gifts to our shut-ins, sick, churches and less-fortunate members.

A York Rite Night was held in January under the direction of Rt. Em. Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. with the assistance of the most Excellent Stanley Maxwell Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Master Waldo I. Powell. Em. Sir Frankland W. L. Miles gave an excellent presentation of the flag ritual. Also, this month members of our Commandery raised a brother in long form in Joseph Webb Lodge.

In February we had the Order of the Temple and in March the Red Cross and Malta and attended the Grand Commanders Ball.

In April our annual inspection was held in which thanks to you Sir Knights giving us our required attendance we were able to get a count of 10 minus.

We participated in the parade celebrating Haverhill Commandery's 100th anniversary and also the protestant men's communion breakfast and parade during May.

In June we paraded at Aleppo Shrine All Masonic Night and attended the presiding Council Club Pops Night.

To my fellow officers, the Sir Knights of the Guards and Red Cross team and all others who participated in the affairs of our Commandery and made this a successful year, my sincere thanks.

To Em. Sir Knights Frankland W. L. Miles, George Locus, Howard L. Mac Odrum, Charles D. Harrington, John Reid, James C. Bayley, William M. Heiligmann, Alfred C. Blake, James S. W. Rogers, William A. Odell, Harold A. Budreau, my thanks for their great help and cheerful fulfillment of any duty assigned to them.

As any of our past Commanders well know, it would be almost impossible to carry out the duties of the officers without the help and guidance of our Recorder and Treasurer.

Our Commandery owes a great debt to Em. Sir Robert S. Andrews who was willing to go back in line as Captain General to help us out and I assure you it was a great source of confidence to your commander to have him sitting on my left.

If time would permit, these gratitudes could and should be enlarged upon such as the hours spent by Em. Sir James C. Bayley on the membership committee. He and Howard Mac Odrum on Red Cross, Em. Sir John Reid as ritualist and Sir William Odell on tactics.

To our new Commander, and the other officers, my best wishes for the success, and I pledge my continuing effort and assistance.

Harold F.W. Hodgson, Commander

After appropriate devotions the business meeting was closed at 6.05 p.m.

At 6.30 p.m. Rt. Eminent Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr. as Installing Officer was duly announced by Em. Sir Frank B. Ells as Deputy Grand Warden, and officially received by the Eminent Commander. Rt. Em. Sir Wilson accompanied by our Acting Grand Commander, Very Eminent Sir Louis A. Beaudoin. In due form the newly elected and appointed officers were installed, headed by our new Eminent Commander Gordon S. Borek.

At the request of the Commander, Rt. Em. Sir Wilson thereupon pointed out the absolute necessity of greater membership activity during the coming year if our Commandery is to counterbalance the growing number of deaths, and suspensions & retain our numerical superiority in New England.

Em. Sir Borek then directed that the Installing Officer, the Deputy Grand Warden, and our Prelate be escorted to the East. A memento of the occasion was presented to each and appropriately acknowledged.

On orders of the Eminent Commander, an official escort being formed by the Captain of the Guard, our retiring Eminent Commander Harold F. W. Hodgson, after being presented his Past Commander's jewel, was escorted from the asylum with the grateful and appreciative applause of the Sir Knights in recognition of his excellent and untiring service at the head of Boston Commandery.

The ceremonies of a most successful and colorful evening being completed after appropriate remarks by our new Eminent Commander, the Sir Knights and guests repaired to Steuben's Vienna Room on Boylston Street for dinner and fraternal fellowship.

Rifit Gardiner Libbey
Recorder

Attendance: 339

REPORT OF THE RECORDER
 162nd Annual Meeting
 Boston Commandery, Knights Templar
 Wednesday, September 18, 1963

Membership

Membership reported Sept. 1, 1962	1170
Knighted during year (Schedule A)	20
Reinstated (Schedule B)	0
Affiliated (Schedule C)	0
	<u>1198</u>

Deductions

Deaths reported to August 31 (Schedule D)	37
Demits (Schedule E)	11
Suspended (Schedule F)	17
	<u>65</u>

Membership as of September 1, 1963

1133

It is to be regretted that these figures show a substantial net loss of 45 for the Templar year just ended, which reflects a similar net loss by Grand Commandery totalling 254, - the largest net loss in a generation. Only 4 Commanderies out of 50 made their quotas for the year. Twenty-four Commanderies had fewer petitions than for each of the proceeding 2 years, while only 6 showed an improvement. Boston Commandery ranked 4th, with 25 of which 20 were knighted.

An interesting statistic is comparison of the total number of Knights Templar in Mass. & the total number of 32° Masons. As of June 1950, which marked the close of your Recorder's term as Grand Commander there were 264 more Knights Templar in the Commonwealth than there were 32° Masons; as of Aug. 10, 1962 (a year ago) there were 5386 more Scottish Rite 32° Masons than Knights Templar. For the 12 year period Templary showed a net gain of but 1261, as compared with a gain of 7911 in our sister Rite, -a ratio of about 1 to 6. Various reasons are given for this alarming trend. One reason is the lack of cooperation among the individual York Rite bodies; another is the almost indefensible length of time required to complete degrees in the Royal Arch Chapter, and the Council of Royal and Select Masters, -especially the Chapter. But one obvious weakness is the failure by membership committees, & especially individual Sir Knights, to interest, cultivate, & encourage brethren in their respective Blue Lodges to complete the real story of Masonry in the York Rite.

Fortunately we have 12 candidates elected who have not yet received the orders. With the recent trend of deaths, suspensions, and dimits it is plainly evident that the Sir Kts. of Boston Commandery must organize and work, if we are to sustain our proud position as not only the oldest & best but the largest Commandery of Knights Templar in New England.

Financial: Unpaid dues as of September 1, 1963: 71 Sir Kts. owed \$951. This compares with September 1, 1962 when 47 owed \$692; September 1, 1961 when 60 owed \$901; and Sept. 1, 1960 when 79 owed \$1139. Delinquents as of September 1, 1963 appear in Schedule H.

RECEIVED DURING TEMPLAR YEAR

DUES	(1962-1963)	\$10,507.00
DUES	(Prior years)	<u>204.00</u>
		\$10,711.00
DUES	(Paid in advance)	1,000.00
ORDERS	(1962-1963)	69.00
ORDERS	(Paid in advance)	250.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIPS		300.00
FOOD-DINNERS ETC.		956.00
DONATIONS		20.00
POPS		<u>350.00</u>
	Total Receipts	13,656.50

SCHEDULE A

Knighted

1. Edgar W. Pitt

36 Bullard Ave., Weston
Born 10/20/1905
Wellesley Lodge. St. Andrews
Chapter. Elected 1/16/1960
Sponsored by R. G. Wilson Jr.
Red Cross & Malta 1/17/1962
Knighted 11/21/1962

2. John Rankin O'Brien

23 Nursery St., Whitman
Born 5/3/1926
Zetland Lodge. St. Andrews
Chapter. Elected 3/21/1962
Sponsored by H. C. O'Brien
Red Cross & Malta 3/21/1962
Knighted 11/21/1960

3. Samuel Huse Wingersky

149 Quincy Ave., Winthrop
Born 2/19/1900
Winthrop Lodge. Winthrop Chapter
Elected 16/18/1962
Sponsored by R. E. Blazo Sr.
Red Cross & Malta 10/17/1962
Knighted 11/21/1907

4. Charles Harold Winchester

21 Farragut St., Somerville
Born 8/12/1914
Massachusetts Lodge. St. Paul's
Chapter. Elected 9/19/1962
Sponsored by H.F.W. Hodgson
Red Cross & Malta 10/17/1962
Knighted 11/21/1962

5. Paul Arnold Lazzara

168 Locksley Rd., Lynnfield
Born 1/16/1906
Hesperia Lodge. St. Paul's
Chapter. Elected 9/19/1962
Sponsored by J. W. Zolner
Red Cross & Malta 10/17/62
Knighted 11/21/1962

6. Allan Wyman Peirce

349 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham
Born 3/25/1900
Monitor Lodge. Waltham Chapter
Elected 9/19/1962
Sponsored by C. F. Wyman
Red Cross & Malta 10/17/1962
Knighted 11/21/1962

7. Bruce Redden Holden

64 Pine Island Rd. Dartmouth
Born 8/20/1917 B.R., Dartmouth
Joppa Lodge of Ohio. St. Paul's
Chapter. Elected 10/17/1962
Sponsored by H.F.W. Hodgson
Red Cross & Malta 10/24/62 in
De Molay Commandery
Knighted 11/21/1962

8. William Charles Kanell

37 Pershing Rd. Jamaica Plain
Born 6/21/1919
West Roxbury Lodge. St. Andrews
Chapter. Elected 10/17/1962
Sponsored by A. MacWilliam
Red Cross & Malta 11/27/62 in
Gethsemane Commandery
Knighted 11/29/1962 in Cyprus
Commandery.

9. Theodore James Katsiroubus

29 Pershing Rd. Jamaica Plain
Born 6/1/1917
West Roxbury Lodge. St. Andrews
Chapter. Elected 10/17/1962
Sponsored by S. V. Ladas
Red Cross & Malta 11/27/1962 in
Gethsemane Commandery
Knighted 11/29/1962 in Cyprus
Commandery

10. Bernard J. Morris

85 W. Wyoming Ave. Melrose
Born 8/7/1921
Bethesda Lodge. St. Andrews
Chapter. Elected 10/17/1962
Sponsored by S. V. Ladas
Red Cross & Malta 11/27/62 in
Gethsemane Commandery
Knighted 11/29/1962 in Cyprus
Commandery

11. William Brad Kent

70 Claymoss Rd. Brighton
Born 3/19/1917
Bethesda Lodge. St. Andrews
Chapter. Elected 10/17/1962
Sponsored by A. G. Swide
Red Cross & Malta 1/24/63
Knighted 2/20/63 Cyprus Cmdry.

12. Frederic Charles Richard
Steward

105 Hillsdale Rd. W. Somerville
Born 10/1/1927. Joseph Webb Lodge
St. Paul's Chap. Elected 10/17/62
Sponsored by H.F.W. Hodgson
Red Cross & Malta in Gethsemane
Cmdry. Knighted 2/20/1963

13. John R. Kapolis

39 Miller St. Braintree
Born 12/21/1918
Mt. Tabor Lodge. St. Andrews
Chapter. Elected 10/17/1962
Sponsored by A. G. Swide
Red Cross & Malta 1/24/63 in
Cyprus Cmdry.
Knighted 2/20/1963

14. Dudley Bradlee Dumaine

Room 1120. 294 Washington St. Bos-
Born 5/30/1933 (ton.
Ebenezer Fuller Lodge. St. And-
rews Chapter. Elected 10/18/61
Sponsored by A. MacWilliam
Red Cross & Malta 3/20/1963
Knighted 5/15/1963

15. Stanley Carl Swanson

3 Halsey Way. Natick
Born 7/18/1916
Joseph Webb Lodge. St. Paul's
Chapter. Elected 10/17/1962
Sponsored by H.F.W. Hodgson
Red Cross & Malta 3/20/1963
Knighted 5/15/1963

16. Charles Miller Davis

240 Main St. South Acton
Born 5/24/1916
Amicable Lodge. St. Paul's Chap.
Elected 10/17/1962
Sponsored by J. W. Zolner
Red Cross & Malta 3/20/1962
Knighted 5/15/1963

17. Richard M. King

61 Aberdeen Ave., Waltham
Born 4/7/1912
Joseph Webb Lodge. St. Paul's
Chapter. Sponsored by J.W. Zolner
Red Cross & Malta 3/20/1963
Knighted 5/15/1963
Elected 10/17/62

18. Merle Emanuel Gardner

316 St. Paul St. Brookline
Born 3/3/1890
West Roxbury Lodge. Roslindale
Chapter. Elected 2/20/1963
Red Cross & Malta 3/20/1963
Knighted 5/15/1963

19. Richard W. Boyden 6 Cerqua St. Woburn
Born 8/5/1928
King David Lodge. St. Mark's
Chapter. Elected 2/20/1963
Sponsored by A. A. Magnus
Red Cross & Malta 3/20/1963
Knighted 5/15/1963

20. Robert L. Graham Jr. 63 Willow Ave., Quincy
Born 9/24/1931
Wollaston Lodge, Cambridge Chap.
Elected 4/17/1963
Sponsored by J. Reid
Red Cross & Malta 5/13/1963 in
Reading Commandery
Knighted 5/15/1963

SCHEDULE B

REINSTATEMENTS

NONE.

SCHEDULE C

Affiliations

None

SCHEDULE D

Deaths Reported Since September 1, 1962.

1. Handley C. Farnsworth Of Lynn. Born 4/7/1875
King Solomon Lodge. Somerville
Chapter. Knighted 5/21/1930
Died 6/5/1961

2. Edward W. Fudge of Somerville. Born 2/12/1897
King Solomon Lodge. Somerville
Chapter. Knighted 11/21/1951
Died 12/7/1961

3. John A. Berggren of Milton. Born 4/7/1894
Lafayette Lodge. Roslindale Chap.
Knighted 3/7/1927
Died 12/24/1962

4. Louis A. Svensson of Roslindale. Born 8/15/1881
Washington Lodge. St. Andrews Chap.
Knighted 16/15/1927
Died 12/25/1962

5. Silvio J. Martone of Arlington. Born 8/29/1905
Hiram Lodge. Menotomy Chapter
Knighted 4/16/1952
Died 1/9/1962

6. Philip C. Mc Murdie of Hingham. Born 12/26/1881
Rosewell Lee Lodge
Morningstar Chapter
Knighted 2/20/1944
Died May 1962

7. Lawrence H. Woodbury of Brewster. Born 9/7/1889
Beaver Lodge. St. Paul's Chapter
Knighted 5/6/1928
Died 7/29/1962

8. Gideon M. Allen of Waterbury Conn. Born 11/16/1873
St. John's Lodge. St. Paul's Chap.
Knighted 6/19/1935
Died 5/17/1962

9. Jasper W. Dilling of Florida. Born 7/22/1893
Belmont Lodge. Belmont Chapter
Knighted 6/16/1948
Died 9/25/1962

10. Frank R. McPherson of Brookline. Born 6/1/1884
Caleb Butler Lodge. Bancroft Chap.
Knighted 4/46/1922
Died 10/2/1962

11. Clayton Stoddard of Everett. Born 8/12/1874
Noddles Island Lodge. St. Johns
Chapter. Knighted 4/25/1922
Died 10/20/1962

12. Edmund J. Shattuck of Dedham. Born 8/27/1887
Orient Lodge. Hebron Chapter
Knighted 3/21/1912
Died 11/12/1962

13. Francis C. Bell of East Boston. Born 11/6/1878
Baalbec Lodge. St. Johns Chap.
Knighted 12/14/1922
Died 11/23/1962

14. Herman C. Mc Stay of Swampscott. Born 2/10/1894
Past Commander Damascus Lodge. Sutton Chap.
Knighted 5/7/1923 Olivet
Commandery. Died 11/28/1962

15. Howard C. Connor of Brookline. Born 4/8/1895
Union Lodge. St. Paul's Chap.
Knighted 2/18/1959
Died 12/12/1962

16. Eardley F. Nourse of Orleans. Born 4/8/1985
Hyde Park Lodge. Mt. Zion Chap
Knighted 3/15/1946
Died 1/5/1963

17. Everett J. Henderson of West Dennis. Born 2/13/1899
Charity Lodge. Cambridge Chapter
Knighted 1/16/1946
Died 2/6/1963

18. Douglas W. Foster of Pawtucket, R.I. Born 3/16/
1894
Jenks Lodge of R.I. Dorchester
Chapter. Knighted 6/16/1943
Died 2/12/1963

19. George M. Bryne of Marblehead. Born 4/30/1869
Mount Herman Lodge, Mystic
Chapter. Knighted 12/16/1896
Died 2/18/1963

20. Herman H. Howard of Miami. Born 4/8/1893
Charity Lodge. Cambridge Chap.
Knighted 3/16/1925
Died 3/16/1963

21. Rudolph Larsen of Dedham. Born 8/9/1902
Mount Lebanon Lodge. St. An-
drews Chapter. Knighted 6/15/
1953
Died 3/17/1963

22. Rev. Morton D. Duming of Granby Conn. Born 12/14/1872
Brookline Lodge. St. Paul's
Chap. Knighted 2/17/1937
Died 4/1/1963

23. Marcus L. Urann of Hanson. Born 10/2/1873
Paul Dean Lodge. St. Paul's Chap.
Knighted 5/2/1905
Died 4/4/1963

24. V. Ellwood Trace of Pittsfield, N. H. Born 2/1/1873
Aberdour Lodge. St. Paul's Chap.
Knighted 6/18/1963
Died 4/11/1963

25. James Gilman Barnes
Past Commander of N. H. Born 10/23/1887
Eliot Lodge, Newton Chapter
Knighted 1/16/1929
Died 4/12/1963

26. William D. Hemmerly of Lowell. Born 1/24/1880
Kilwinning Lodge. St. Andrews Chap
Knighted 2/18/1953
Died 4/18/1963

27. Benjamin S. Eastman of Florida. Born 3/19/1889
Columbian Lodge. St. Paul's Chap.
Knighted 3/19/1920
Died 5/1/1963

28. Frank C. Lane of Maine. Born 8/31/1891
Sharon Lodge of Vt. St. Paul's
Chapter. Knighted 1/18/1928
Died 5/6/1963

29. Max H. Heim of Brookline. Born 6/4/1869
Gate of the Temple Lodge. St.
Matthew's Chapter.
Knighted 5/22/1905
Died 5/11/1963

30. Benjamin K. Farnham of Connecticut. Born 1/15/1872
Winslow Lewis Lodge. St. Andrews
Chapter. Knighted 2/21/1906
Died 5/7/1963

31. Edward Carlson of Lexington. Born 8/2/1903
Simon W. Robinson Lodge. St. Andrews
Chapter. Knighted 5/15/1929
Died 5/15/1963

32. Elmer M. Stearns

of Cambridge. Born 1/4/1876
Social Friends Lodge of N.H.
Cheshire Chapter of N. H.
Knighted Hugh de Payens
of Keene New Hampshire
3/24/1899. Affiliated
3/12/1952
Died 5/22/1963

33. John A. Campbell

of New York. Born 5/12/1868
Joseph Warren Lodge
St. Paul's Chapter
Knighted 2/21/1906
Died 5/24/1964 (age 94)

34. George Frederick Wollinger

of California. Born 10/9/1874
St. John's Lodge
Winthrop Chapter
Knighted 12/15/1912
Died 6/19/1963

35. John W. Berquist

of Bedford. Born 2/7/1903
Hiram Lodge. Menotomy chap/
Knighted 2/20/1957
Died 7/25/1963

36. John R. Shoaff

of Brighton. Born 12/4/1891
St. Johns Lodge. St. Andrews Chapter.
Knighted 6/17/1953
Died 3/29/1963

37. Thomas Carlton Rowen

of Marblehead
Born 11/24/1895
Joseph Webb Lodge. St. Paul's Chapter
Knighted 3/15/1920
Died 6/23/1963

SCHEDULE E

DIMITS

1. Bertil S. A. Stenmark 9/19/1962 To Florida
2. Bernard B. Twombly 9/1/1962 To Coeur de Lion Cmdry
3. Charles H. Watson 11/19/1962 To Fla. Demit Blue Lodge and Chapter.
4. Powell H. Humphries 11/19/1962
5. John A. Rogers 12/3/1962 Demit from Chapter and Shrine
6. Eugene P. Carver Jr. 2/20/1963 To St. Omer Commandery
7. James J. Cammisa 4/17/1963 Demit from all bodies Illness
8. Theodore M. Atkinson 6/24/1963
9. Henry B. Robertson 7/28/1963
10. Otto H. Grimm 8/9/1963 In N. Y. since 1951

SCHEDULE F

SUSPENSIONS

1. George M. Berny	Suspended	St. Paul's Chap. 6/30/62
2. David W. Davidson	"	Winthrop Lodge 7/20/60
3. Walter E. Duncan	"	St. Andrews Chap. 8/1/62
		No Blue Lodge affiliation
4. Dr. William A. Dowd Jr.		
5. James C. Geddes		
6. Anthony J. Koshivas		
7. Benedictus E. Lauman		
8. John A. Lutes	"	Mystic Valley Chap. 2/27/63; & Blue Lodge 1962
9. Archie M. McKittrick	"	St. Andrews Chap. 1962
10. Anthony N. Olive Jr.		
11. George A. Samiotis	"	St. Andrews Chap.
12. Dwight B. Steele	"	St. Paul's Chap. 6/21/62
13. James A. Strum	Demit	St. Paul's Chap. Ju[ne] 10/18/1960
14. Carol O. Swanson		
15. William W. Jenkins	Suspended	St. Paul's Chapter June 1962
16. David E. Kirby	"	St. Paul's Chapter June 1962
17. Ralph A. Maxfield	"	St. Paul's Chapter June 1962

SCHEDULE G

Pending Applications (elected)

1. <u>Van Robert Roxbrough</u>	86 Toxteth St., Brookline Born 2/26/1935 Brookline Lodge, St. Andrews Chapter. Elected 10/18/61 Sponsored by A. MacWilliam
2. <u>William Arthur Katsenes</u>	175 Newtonville Ave., Newton Born 3/3/1925 Bethesda Lodge, St. Paul's Chap. Elected 1/17/1962 Sponsored by F. W. L. Miles
3. <u>Robert Johnson Whitney</u>	41 Stoneleigh Rd., Watertown Born 10/21/1926 Temple Lodge #65 of Conn. Washington Chapter of Cohn. Elected 3/21/1962 Sponsored by F. P. Johnson II

SCHEDULE G

4. Howard Heath Anderson 535 Poplar St., Boston
Born 11/27/1920
West Roxbury Lodge. St. Paul's
Chapter. Boston Council
Elected 2/20/1963
Sponsored by R. G. Wilson Jr.

5. Sam Moses Apkarian 17 Dartmouth St., Watertown
Born 2/13/1925
Hesperia Lodge. Watertown Chap.
Boston Council
Elected 2/20/1963
Sponsored by W. C. Sutherland

6. Theodore J. Mavrikos 22 Seagrave Rd., Cambridge
Born 2/4/1917
Charity Lodge. Cambridge Chap.
Boston Council
Elected 3/20/1963
Sponsored by W. Stavropoulos

7. Sebastian Avellino 631 American Legion Highway
Roslindale
Born 12/17/1915
Hesperia Lodge. St. Andrews
Chapter. Boston Council
Elected 4/17/1963
Sponsored by R. G. Wilson Jr.

8. Alfred Hjalmar Anderson 853 Beacon St. Boston
Born 9/14/1910
Baalbec Lodge, St. Paul's
Chapter. Boston Council
Elected 4/17/1963
Sponsored by A. R. Anderson

9. John Stavros Stephans 820 Chestnut St., Waban
Born 5/3/1931
Mt. Orthodox Lodge. Kingsway
Chapter. Boston Council
Elected 5/15/1963
Sponsored by R. G. Wilson Jr.

10 James N. Greig

142 Washington St., Winthrop
Born 7/1/1874
Kilwinning Lodge. Winthrop Chapter
Council
Elected 5/15/1963
Sponsored by R. E. Blazo Sr.

11. Thomas James Hatzis

131 Stony Brook Rd., Belmont
Born 7/18/1921
Ancient Landmark Lodge of Indiana
Belmont Chapter
Cambridge Council
Elected 5/15/1963
Sponsored by C. W. Hunnewell

12. William J. Whitley

55 Vernon St., Somerville
Born 7/30/1917
Zetland Lodge, St. Andrews Chapter
Boston Council
Elected 6/19/13
Sponsored by R. S. Andrews

SCHEDULE H

Outstanding Dues as of Sept. 1, 1963

William C. Ackerman	11	William B. Ladd Jr.	11
Raymond D. Balcolm	11	Walter E. Lawrence	22
Warren H. Barnes	2	T/Sgt William H. Lawrence	11
Burton A. Barstow	22	Helge E. Lindquist	11
Harold G. Bennett	22	Robert E. MacIntosh	22
Richard A. Benson	11	Charles W. Martin	11
Earle E. Bentley	11	William Martin	11
Richard T. Besson	22	Ralph H. Martis	11
Samuel M. Best	11	Arthur M. Mc Mc Cann	22
Robwrt H. Bradley	11	John G. Miles	11
Dr. Roy R. Brown	11	George A. Morse	22
John A. Christensen Jr.	11	James O. Munn	22
Edward J. Conley	11	Luke T. Orthman	11
Dr. Edward D. Croissant	11	Trephon G. Parkas	22
Alexander H. Cross	11	Jack D. Parks	11
Arthur H. Curtis Jr.	22	Frank H. Peterson	11
Sooren A. Demurjian	11	Edward A. Richards	11
Joseph Doad	22	George C. Sackley	11
Leo Donabedian	22	Gerald K. Schmidt	22
Alois G. Farkas	11	Charles D. Schofield	11
Jay M. Finn	11	William N. Slavinsky Jr.	11
Chesley J. Garland	11	Lawrence Sparks	22
Leo Giambarresi	11	Norman S. Stafford	11
Soterios G. Giannaris	22	Lester E. Stevenson	11
Peter N. Gianibas	11	Richard T. Swanson Jr.	11
Millard R. Hale (Dimit Jr.)	11	Nicholas J. Tsialas	11
Hervey A. Hanscom	11	Christopher A. VisVis	11
George B. Harvey	11	Leonard Clifford Webb	11
Francis R. Heiligmann	11	Rev. Thomas E. West	11
Isaac Hodgen Jr.	22	James W. Whitehead	11
Albert O. Hughes	11	Armitt J. Williams	11
Walter R. Jaynes	11	Frederic B. Williams Jr.	11
Runo S. Johnson	11	Harry E. Wright	1
Francis Jurgens	11	Edward H. Proodian	22
Richard P. Kramer	11	William E. Putnam	2

Howard S. Reynolds 22

Summary	1	2	\$1	-	\$1
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	49	2	11	539	
	18	2	22	396	
	71			\$940	

Compared with:

9/1/55	97	\$1585
9/1/56	105	1473
9/1/57	84	1098
9/1/58	57	858
9/1/59	62	834
9/1/60	79	1139
9/1/61	60	901
9/1/62	47	692

Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery, Knights Templar, was duly opened by Eminent Commander Gordon S. Borek in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, at 5.50 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 1963 with Em. Sir Frank B. Ells as Generalissimo and Sir Knight Rowland Crook as Captain of the Guard.

After appropriate devotions by our Prelate, the records of our September 18 Conclave were read and approved.

Unanimous favorable ballot was had on the following applications:

For the Orders:

Kinkor George Hekimian of 26 Chestnut St., Jamaica Plain sponsored by Sir Knight K. C. Arnold.

Roy J. Hare of 26 Rayfield Road, Marshfield, sponsored by Em. Sir G. S. Borek.

John Murphy of 12 Margaret St., Arlington, sponsored by Em. Sir Howard MacOdrum.

Louis Henry Jacobs of 65 Russell St., West Roxbury, sponsored by Em. Sir F. W. L. Miles.

Ormsby Lee Court of 16 George St., Stoneham, sponsored by Em. Sir F. W. L. Miles.

For Affiliation:

Sir Knight Ernest Kemp Henderson of 4 Vesey Road, Randolph from Quincy Commandery, sponsored by Em. Sir F. W. L. Miles.

Em. Sir Eredrick M. Henderson of 151 Wilmington Rd., Burlington from Winslow Lewis Commandery, sponsored by Em. Sir F. W. L. Miles.

On motion of the Recorder the following,--in addition to our Eminent Commander, Treasurer, and Recorder, who serve ex officio,--were unanimously elected to serve for three years each as Trustees of the Anniversary Endowment Fund of Boston Commandery, originally established by vote of Boston Commandery on February 18, 1953 as proposed by our late Past Commander Herman C. McStay, as Chairman of the 150th Anniversary Committee, especially in memory of Em. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson who served Boston Commandery as Eminent Commander 1931-1933:

Em. Sir Harold Budreau
Em. Sir Frankland W. L. Miles
Sir Knight Marshall S. Mc Stay

Sir Kt. Leo S. Hibbard
Sir Kt. Robert B. Wilton

It was pointed out that this special permanent fund, constituting the net balance remaining on hand from our 150th Anniversary Celebration, together with any further donations and bequests, has been established the better to assure the continued growth, prosperity, and fraternal activity of Boston Commandery in the cause of Christian Knighthood.

Motion made by Em. Sir Harold Budreau to transfer the sum of \$200 from general funds to a James C. Bayley Fund was unanimously adopted, Em. Sir Bayley having been recently appointed in the Grand Commandery lines with Em. Sir Robert S. Andrews as his Deputy Grand Warden.

The Eminent Commander reported that Em. Sir Harold Hodgson was at the New England Baptist Hospital in excellent condition following a recent operation. He also reported that Em. Sir William Heligmann was at present in the Deaconess Hospital, and that Sir Kt. Robert Wilton, our Captain of the Guard, was expected to again be with us shortly following minor hand and foot operations.

The Eminent Commander announced the appointment of the following special committee to consider and report on the advisability of a possible Christmas Party this year for underprivileged children:

Em. Sir George Locus, Em. Sir Kt. K. A. Tweedie, Em. Sir Kevin Sirp, Kt. C. C. E. Pedersen, Em. Sir Kt. Rowland Crook, Em. Sir Kenneth Arnold

The Eminent Commander also announced the following special Committee to report in November concerning a possible Ladies Night to be held in February:

Em. Sir Howard MacOdrum
Sir Kt. Frank Brown
Sir Kt. Carl Turner

Sir Kt. Robert Wilton
Sir Kt. George Hemenway

The Eminent Commander then announced an application competition to be entitled "Project Challenge," with two teams, respectively in charge of Em. Sir Bayley heading, Past Commanders of Boston Commandery and Line Officers challenging the opposing team composed of the Sir Knights of the Commandery headed by Em. Sir Frankland W. L. Miles, assisted by Sir Knights Alexander Mac Williams, Arthur Vellela, William Stavropoulos and David Esancy. He announced that the Commander, Recorder and Treasurer were to be exempt from the competition in order to act as referees, and that applications or affiliation petitions obtained by Em. Sir Miles were to

be counted in the team score of his Sir Knights. Petitions are to count one point and affiliation petitions one quarter of a point. Appropriate awards await the winners. The Eminent Commander further reported that a new marking system instituted by the new Grand Commander will prevent any possibility of a ten minus mark this year unless assigned quotas of new members are attained.

There being no further business the Commandery was closed in short form following customary devotions, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the banquet hall at 6.45 p.m. where an excellent dinner was served by Dora Ferguson.

By direction of the Commandery birthday carnations were presented by Em. Sir Franland W. L. Miles as Chairman of Hospitality, after which Eminent Sir Miles led the Sir Knights in singing until the arrival of professional entertainment consisting of most enjoyable barbership quartets, "The Roaring Twenties" and "The Village Choir."

Robert Gardiner Wilson
Recorder

Attendance: 92

Special Conclave of Boston Commandery Knights Templar was held at the A. F. Long Memorial Chapel, 4 Beech Street, Cambridge, at 3 p.m. on November 12, 1963 for the purpose of holding Templar funeral service and paying final tribute to the memory of Past Eminent Commander William M. Heiligmann who passed away on November 10, 1963.

Participating in Templar uniform were:

Eminent Sirs Gordon S. Borek
Frank B. Ellis
George Locus
Howard L. MacOdrum
Rev. Sir Kt. Charles E. Pedersen
Sir Knights Frank E. Brown
Kenneth A. Tweedie
Kenneth C. Arnold
Joseph Eagleston
Leo S. Hibbard
Albert Swide
Charles A. Gray
William Stavropoulos
Rowland D. Crook
Francis R. Heiligmann

Also present not in uniform were:

Em. Sirs Harold A. Budreau
William A. Odell
Sir Knights Frank Johnson
Roger Hunnewell
Curtis Hunnewell
Winfield L. Nourse
James Laird
Mansfield Austin
Fred H. Rixmann
James Coulter
William M. Heiligmann Jr.

Robert Gardner Viborg
Recorder

Attendance: 26

Special Conclave of Boston Commandery, Knights Templar was opened by our Eminent Commander Gordon S. Borek in Ionic Hall, 41 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 1963.

With Sir Knight Tweedie filling the position of Senior Warden Sir Knight Zolner, Em. Sir Andrews acted as Captain General and Em. Sir Rogers as Prelate. Sir Knight Crook served as Captain of the Guard for Sir Knight Wilton who was in charge of entertainment and other arrangements.

Following appropriate prayers by Em. Sir James S.W. Rogers as Prelate the Eminent Commander extended a warm welcome to the splendid attendance of Sir Knights and brethren at Boston Commandery's York Rite Night.

The lines being formed and with Em. Sir Frank B. Ells acting as Deputy Warden, the Chairman of the evening's arrangements, Past Grand Commander Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr. was officially received with a suite consisting of 8 of our Past Commanders, and with Sir Knight Rowland Crook commanding the escort.

A committee of all past and presiding High Priests being assembled, the Chairman thereupon received M. E. Stanley Fielding Maxwell, Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

With a Committee composed of all Past and Presiding Illustrious Masters present, the Chairman then officially received M. I. John William Wilde, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts were representing the Most Illustrious Grand Master Waldo I. Powell, and introduced by Em. Sir James C. Bayley the Junior Grand Master of the Council.

The present Illustrious Potentate of Aleppo Temple of the Shrine was thereupon presented by Em. Sir Frank B. Ells, a Past Potentate accompanied by Past Potentate James C. Bayley

Our Sir Knights and guests were then entertained by a girl "Barbershop Quartette" from the Lynn Chapter of Sweet Adelines, who rendered two numbers.

Introduced by the Chairman, Most Excellent Stanley F. Maxwell then gave a most interesting and instructive 25 minute talk on the Royal Arch Chapter.

The quartette again entertained with two numbers, after which Most Illustrious John W. Wilde gave a 15 minute talk on the Council of Royal and Select Masters.

The quartette once again entertained the brethren, closing with a selection dedicated to the Chairman, entitled "The Roaring Twenties."

Rt. Em. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr. then gave a 20 minute talk on Templary urging favorable consideration of advancement in the York Rite by all eligible brethren present.

An excellent and impressive Inspection and Review then followed, with uniformed officers and guards of Boston Commandery participating, and with the four guest speakers of the evening acting as inspecting officers.

The Second Division being then formed, Past Eminent Commander Frankland W. L. Miles gave an impressive rendition of the Ritual of the Flags.

The Chairman thereupon recalled our Eminent Commander to the East.

After appropriate closing remarks and following customary devotions by Em. Sir Rogers as Prelate, all brethren present repaired to the banquet hall for refreshments.

The results of the evening appeared to be most gratifying with no less than three eligible brethren completing applications for the Orders before leaving the Asylum.

R. H. Gardiner Wilson Jr.
Recorder

Attendance: 146

Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery, Knights Templar was opened by Eminent Commander Gordon S. Borek at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 1963 in Ionic Hall, 51 Boylston Street, Boston with Em. Sir George Locus acting as Senior Warden.

After customary devotions, the records of Special Conclave held on November 12 to pay last respects to the late William Heiligmann, Past Eminent Commander, and the records of Special Conclave, held on Wednesday evening November 13 as a York Rite Night, were read and approved.

The following were unanimously elected to receive the Orders:

Douglas Nathania West	John Edward Kerwin
MacLaren H. MacGregor	Forrest Edward King Jr.
Charles Kingsbury Endicott	David Houston Miller
Joseph Howard Philp	

The Recorder reported that Past Commander Amos W. Crooks passed away on this date, with funeral services to be held in Winthrop on Friday, November 22.

Em. Sir George Locus reported as Chairman of special committee to consider the advisability of a Christmas Party for underprivileged children. In view of estimated expense of over \$1500 including round trip transportation, responsibility for the safety of the children, gifts, entertainment and refreshments, and especially in view of the time element, the Committee unanimously recommended that no action be taken. The report was adopted.

The Eminent Commander reported resignation of Sir Knight Zolner from the office of Senior Warden and appointed the following Nominating Committee to present nominations for election to such offices as might be vacant as a result of such resignation:

Em. Sir R. G. Wilson Jr.	Sir Knight L. S. Hibbard
Em. Sir R. S. Andrews	Sir Knight Robert Wilton.
Em. Sir J. Reid	

Em. Sir Bayley announced that he has available for use complete lists of the names of all eligible candidates for the Orders who were present at our recent York Rite Night, with the addresses, as well as listing of respective Blue Lodge affiliations.

There being no further business the Eminent Commander at 5.45 p.m. declared a Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross opened and the Sir Knights thereupon recessed for dinner in the banquet hall followed by entertainment under the direction of Sir Kt. John G. Miles.

Following dinner the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, under the direction of Em. Sirs James Bayley and Harold MacOdrum, with Em. Sir Robert S. Andrews as Sovereign Master and Em. Sir James S. W. Rogers as Zerubbabel was conferred in full form and costume on the following 10 applicants for membership in Boston Commandery:

Alfred H. Anderson	Louis H. Jacobs
Howard Anderson	Kirkor Hekimian
Sam M. Apkarian	John Murphy
James N. Grieg	John S. Stephans
Thomas J. Hatzes	William J. Whitley

Also as a Knightly courtesy to Em. Sir Martin E. Barrett who was present with members of his Council, the Order was also conferred on the following 5 applicants for membership in Gethsemane Commandery of Newtonville:

Alfred A. Crandall	H. Frank Albee
Roger T. Perkins	John T. Johansen
	Gorham W. Humphrey

In addition as a courtesy to Em. Sir Helmer B. Kruse who was present the Order was likewise conferred on George Butter Percy, applicant in Sir Galahad Commandery of Waltham.

On completion of the work a Priory of Knights of Malta was then opened and the above 16 eligible candidates received the Order of Malta under the direction of Em. Sir Frankland W. L. Miles, assisted by Sir Knights Kenneth A. Tweedie, and with Rev. Sir Kt. Pedersen as Prelate.

After customary devotions the Priory was closed by the Eminent Commander.

Robert Gardner Hibshman
Recorder

Attendance: 126

Stated Conclave of Boston Commandery, Knights Templar was opened by Eminent Commander Gordon S. Borek in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston at 5.42 p. m. on Wednesday, December 18, 1963 with Em. Sir Frankland W. L. Miles acting as Senior Warden, and with Sir Knight Rowland Crook as Captain of the Guard for Sir Knight Robert Wilton who had a special assignment as custodian of the official Christmas camel's milk.

The minutes of our meetings on November 10 and November 13 were read and approved, following customary devotions.

Favorable ballot was taken on the application of Charles Frederick Phillips for the Orders.

Report of the special Nominating Committee being made, by separate ballot Sir Knight Arnold was advanced to the position of Senior Warden and Sir Knight Eagleston to the office of Junior Warden.

The Eminent Commander announced the appointment of Sir Knight Charles Davis as Warden.

Our Generalissimo Sir Knight Frank Brown reported for the special Committee appointed to make arrangements for a Ladies Night at present scheduled for February 29.

Eminent Sir James C. Bayley spoke on membership, stressing that Boston Commandery is at present in fourth place in the number of applications received, with St. John's Commandery of Providence in first place. He reported that plans are being made for possible conferring of all three orders on some Saturday prior to the scheduled Shrine ceremonial on May 15. It was also stated that special plans for capitular degrees are being made by St. Paul's Chapter on January 11.

There being no further business, the Eminent Commander after customary devotions by our Prelate, Sir Knight Pedersen, closed the Commandery without form at 6.20 p. m.

The Sir Knights then repaired to the banquet hall for a special Christmas holiday celebration, with entertainment by the Walter Johnson Orchestra, and with Em. Sir "Jim" Bayley officially in his customary role as Santa Claus.

Arthur Gardner Wilson
Recorder